



H.J.Res. 62 – Native American Heritage Day Act of 2007

FLOOR SITUATION

H.J.Res. 62 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. It was introduced by Representative Joe Baca (D-CA) on November 13, 2007. The resolution was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor, but was not considered.

H.J.Res 62 is expected to be considered on the floor on November 13, 2007.

Note: Rep. Baca introduced identical legislation, H.R. 3585, on September 19, 2007.

SUMMARY

The resolution recognizes the Friday immediately following Thanksgiving Day each year as Native American Heritage Day. It encourages educational institutions to develop curricula emphasizing the contributions of Native Americans. The bill also urges the American people, along with Federal, State, local governments, and private organizations, to celebrate the day with appropriate activities.

BACKGROUND

Native Americans have played a key role in our nation's history and culture, from the unique system of democracy of the Six Nations of the Iroquois Confederacy to Sakajawea to the Navajo Codetalkers. Native Americans have made significant contributions to U.S. military operations for more than 200 years. Today, there are nearly 200,000 Native American veterans in the United States.

COST

There was no cost estimate available for the bill at the time of this publication.

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